

PORTAL.



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From the New Orleans Picayune.

My Children.

I have two little darlings
With eyes of deepest blue,
There's just a year between them,
And the younger is now two.
I watch their minds expanding
With fond and earnest hope,
Like fragrant little blossoms
Whose petals daily open.

Frank says he's mother's rosebud,
And little brother Willy,
With skin like alabaster,
Is my budding water-lily.
I call them both my mock-birds,
For like music to my ear,
Are their merry little voices,
So silvery and clear.

What dew is to the flowers,
The rainbow to the sky,
Are these children to my pathway,
Which they cheer and beautify.
They fill my heart with gladness,
With thankfulness and praise,
They chase away my sadness,
And leave no gloomy days.

Though many other blessings
Around my footsteps fall,
My children and their father
Are chief among them all.
My life seems crowned with joys
When'er I look on them,
And they the brightest jewels
Within the diadem.

Then blessings on my darlings
Bright blessings from above,
God grant their tender boyhood
Miss not a mother's love.
Oh may my days be lengthened
Through their early youth,
To lead them in the pathway
Of Honor and of Truth.

God grant to me His spirit,
To guide their souls aright,
To teach them by example,
To walk as in His sight.
And when this life is ended,
May all whom He has given
United form a family,
Within the courts of heaven.

MISCELLANY.

MALE FLIRTATIONS.

A man has no right to sport with the feelings of a young woman, though he stop short of positive promises. Vanity is generally the temper in this case; a desire to be regarded as being admired by the women—a very despicable species of vanity, but frequently greatly mischievous, notwithstanding. You do not indeed, actually, in so many words, promise to marry; but the general tenor of your language and deportment has that meaning. You know that meaning is so understood; and you have not such meaning—if you are fixed by some previous engagement with or greater liking for another—if you know you are here sowing the seeds of disappointment—and if you keep your previous engagement or greater liking a secret, preserve, in spite of the admissions of conscience, you are guilty of deliberate deception, injustice, and cruelty; you make an ungrateful return for those endowments which have enabled you to achieve this inglorious and unmanly triumph; and if, as is frequently the case you glory in such triumph; you may have person, riches, talents, to excite envy, but every just and humane man will abhor your heart.

ERRORS.

The little that I have seen of the world and known of the world and know of the history of mankind, teaches me to look upon their errors in sorrow, not in anger. When I take the history of the poor heart that has sinned and suffered, and represent to myself the struggles and temptations it passed through; the brief pulsation of joy; the feverish inquietude of hope and fear; the tears to regret; the feebleness to purpose; the pressure of want, the desertion of friends, the scorn of the world, that has little charity; the desolation of the soul's sanctuary and threatening voices within; health gone; happiness gone; I would fain leave the erring soul of my fellow man with him from whose hands it came.

CROSS PURPOSES.—A DIALOGUE.

I have to inform you that I was married since I saw you—So much the better. Not so much the better; for my wife proved an arrant shrew. So much the worse. Not so much the worse; for she brought me a fortune. So much the better. Not so much the better; for with the money I bought a great

number of sheep, which died of the rot. So much the worse. Not so much the worse; for I sold the wool, and with the produce I built a house. So much the better. Not so much the better; for my house was burned. So much the worse. Not so much the worse; for my wife was in it.

HISSES.

In Sidney Smith's Sketches of Moral Philosophy, that somewhat celebrated individual says—"A hiss is either foolish, or tremendous, or sublime." The hissing of a pancake is absurd; the first faint hiss that arises from the extremity of the pit on the evening of a new play, sinks the soul of the author within him, and makes him curse himself and his Thalia; the hissing of a cobra di capello is sublime—it is the whisper of death!

AN IRRITABLE MAN.

Tom Hood gives this graphic picture of an irritable man:—"Here lies a hedgehog rolled up the wrong way, tormenting himself with his prickles."

"I think," said a farmer, "I should make a good Congressman, for I use their language. I received two bills the other day from the printer, with requests for immediate payment; the one I ordered to be laid on the table—the other to be read that day six months!"

A gentleman being asked whether or he was seriously injured when a steam boiler exploded, is said to have replied that he was so used to being blown up by his wife, that mere steam had no effect on him.

Friends are in the habit of warmly greeting their acquaintances, upon the passenger trains, at this, as well as all other station-houses. It was only the other day, a young gentleman rushed through the crowd towards a lady, seized her hand, and gave her a hearty kiss, the smack of which sounded above—we were going to say above the din of gongs; but it's enough to state that the report startled a country lass, hard by, who exclaimed to her fellow—"Marry, Josh! what on airth gee way on the keers!"

The person who has not been a grand mother, knows nothing of the anxieties of this life. It is bad enough to a drunken husband, but when you come to compare that affliction with two generations of croup, whooping-cough, measles, prickly heat, and syphilis, you elevate a sprained ankle to the dignity of a broken leg, and class toothaches with apple-plexes.

A man should never put a fence of words around his ideas, because many who would otherwise give him a fair hearing, lack resolution to climb over such a rugged enclosure.

In Sheldon, Wyoming county, there is a girl only seven years of age, who has a full moustache on the upper lip, large enough for a cavalry officer, and a beard only fit for a smouldering grenadier; is large enough for the envy of city striplings of twenty one or twenty two years of age. The unusual growth of hair began when she was five years old, since which time it has been repeatedly plucked out. She is the child of Belgian parents, is healthy and rather more than usually intelligent for her years.

Logic.—The following "Questions in Logic" may interest some of our readers. No matter where they came from, if they are sound:

Teacher—What do you understand by penny wise and pound foolish?

Pupil—The omission to pay a small sum in order to secure a great benefit.

Teacher—Can such a thing be, and if so, how?

Pupil—It can—the cause may be penuriousness or neglect.

Teacher—Give an example of penny wisdom and pound folly.

Pupil—Refusing or neglecting to pay five or ten dollars for advertising one day, and missing custom worth a hundred dollars by it, the next.

TRUE END OF LIFE.

The true end of life is to know that life never ends. He that makes this his care will find it his crown at last.

He that lives to live forever, never fears dying; nor can the means be terrible to him that heartily believes the end, for though death be a dark passage, it leads to immortality, and that is recompense enough for suffering it.

TRIED TO BLOW HIMSELF UP.

A French resident in London recently conceived an entirely new style of self destruction. He first brought an egg in the market, extracted its contents (by "suction") and filled the shell with about three ounces of gunpowder. Then going into a very crowded thoroughfare—we presume to give credit to his enter-

prise—he placed the infernal machine in his mouth, and "touched it off" with a match. Instead, however of blowing his head to atoms, the powder, when ignited, merely poured forth a stream of fire and smoke from the aperture in the shell, but without doing any serious harm to the man. The astonishment of the passers by at beholding a human mouth suddenly become the crater of an active volcano, may be imagined. The disappointed man was taken into custody by the police, and conveyed to the hospital.

The Female Franchise.—In the House of Commons, speaking of Mr. Hume's reform motion, Mr. Napier is reported to have said—"It was proposed that the franchise should be given to all persons of twenty-one years of age, who labored under no mental or legal disability. Why, then, as had been asked before, should ladies be excluded? 1. Because there is no evidence that a lady is twenty-one years of age; in as no lady will ever tell what her age is. 2. Because as a poet says of the softer sex, 'angels are painted fair to look like them; so that they are already represented fairly enough in all conscience.' (Punch.)

From the Southern Standard.

Kingsley tells a very good story about Deacon Havens. It appears that at last harvest time, the deacon had a "mowing bee," and among the party were two interesting sons of Belial, who were more inclined to cut capers than clover. One of their tricks on the old man consisted of filling the tin horn with soft soap, and slightly stopping the orifice with cotton. When the hour of twelve o'clock came, our venerable friend seized the loaded instrument, and blew a blaz which scattered the contents far and near. To say that the deacon was displeased, would but slightly describe his feelings. He was enraged, for the first time in his life he became excited. Says he: "Gentleman, I am an old man—I am at the head of the Sunday School, and have preached the gospel for five and thirty years, but I'll be d—d if I can't lick any man who soft-soaped that trumpet."

Purgatory.—The Albany "Dutchman" says that the people who don't believe in purgatory, may go on and far worse.

Punch says—to resuscitate a drowned Yankee search his pockets.

THE STAGE.

From Rocky Mt. to Washington.

WILL RUN as follows under the new schedule:—Leave Rocky Mount every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2 o'clock, A. M. and arrive at Washington at 7 o'clock P. M. same day. Leave Washington every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2 o'clock, A. M. and arrive at Rocky Mount at 7 o'clock, P. M. same day, in time for passengers to take the cars going North.

fare—Rocky Mount to Tarboro'	\$1 50
" " " Sparta	2 00
" " " Falkland	2 50
" " " Greenville	3 00
" " " Pactolus	4 00
" " " Washington	5 00
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Passengers are allowed to carry one trunk of ordinary size—extra trunks of large size, half the above prices; packages, &c. in proportion.

For seats, &c. apply to H. Wiswall, Washington—Mrs. Worthington, Greenville—GEO. HOWARD, Tarboro'.

GEO. HOWARD,

OFFERS FOR SALE.

GROCERIES, &c.

Brown, crushed, and loaf Sugars, Molasses and syrup—Coffee, Flour, Rice, Butter, cheese, crackers, mustard, ginger, Ground pepper and spice, starch, indigo, Yeast powder, sal eratus matches, Candles, brown and fancy Soaps, Lorillard's & O'Connell's Snuff, snuff boxes, Smoking tobacco, pipes, brooms, Pepper sauce, clovis cap & letter paper, Pens and penholders, Ink, wafers, &c.

CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.
Breakfast dinner and tea plates, Dishes of various sizes, pitchers do. Cups and saucers, bowls, mugs, Sugar bowls and cream pitchers, Cut glass and plain tumblers, Glass lanterns, &c. &c.

TIN WARE.
Lard stands various sizes, coffee pots do. Buckets, pails, measures, funnels, do. Lanterns, cups, candle moulds, horns, Cake cutters, cuenders, milk strainers, Round, square and scollop pans, graters, Pepper boxes, wash basins, &c. &c.

VARIETY.
Cotton Yarns, plough lines, shoe thread, Ploughs, rails, tacks, of various sizes, Stove varnish, shoe blacking, brushes, &c. Tarboro', February 19,

A PROCLAMATION,

By His Excellency, DAVID S. REID, Governor of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, three fifths of the whole number of members of each House of the General Assembly did at the last session pass the following Act:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, the freehold qualification now required for the electors for members of the Senate conflict with the fundamental principles of liberty, therefore

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, three-fifths of the whole number of members of each House concurring, that the second clause of third section of the first Article of the amended Constitution ratified by the people of North Carolina on the second Monday of November, A. D. 1835, be amended by striking out the words "and possessed of a freehold within the same district of fifty acres of land for six months next before and at the day of election," so that the said clause of said section shall read as follows, "All free white men of the age of twenty-one years (except as is hereinafter declared) who have been inhabitants of any one district within the State twelve months immediately preceding the day of any election and shall have paid public taxes, shall be entitled to vote for a member of the Senate.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor of the State be, and he is hereby directed, to issue his Proclamation to the people of North Carolina, at least six months before the next election for members of the General Assembly, setting forth the purpose of this Act and the amendment to the Constitution herein proposed, which Proclamation shall be accompanied by a true and perfect copy of the Act, authenticated by the certificate of the Secretary of State, and both the Proclamation and the copy of this Act, the Governor of the State shall cause to be published in all the newspapers of this State, and posted in the Court Houses of the respective Counties in this State, at least six months before the election of members to the next General Assembly.

Read three times and agreed to by three-fifths of the whole number of members of each House respectively, and ratified in General Assembly, this 24th day of January, 1851.

J. C. DOBBIN, S. H. C.

W. N. EDWARDS, S. S.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Office of Secretary of State.

I, WILLIAM HILL, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Act of the General Assembly of this State, drawn off from the original on file in this office. Given under my hand, this 31st day of December, 1851.

W. M. HILL, Sec'y of State.

AND WHEREAS, the said Act provides for amending the Constitution of the State of North Carolina so as to confer on every qualified voter for the House of Commons the right to vote also for the Senate;

Nw, therefore, to the end that it may be made known that if the aforesaid amendment to the Constitution shall be agreed to by two thirds of the whole representation in each House of the next General Assembly, it will then be submitted to the people for ratification, I have issued this my Proclamation in conformity with the provisions of the above recited Act.

In testimony whereof, DAVID S. REID, Governor of the State of North Carolina, hath hereunto set his hand and caused the Great Seal of said State to be affixed.

Done at the City of Raleigh, on the thirty-first day of December, in the [L. S.] year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and in the 76th year of our Independence.

By the Governor, DAVID S. REID.

THOMAS SETTLE, Jr. Private Sec'y.

Persons into whose hands this Proclamation may fall, will please see that a copy of it is posted up in the Court Houses of their respective Counties.

FOR HIRE.

THE subscriber continues to keep horses and vehicles for hire on the following

TERMS PER DAY:

For carriage, two horses, & driver,	\$5 00
" carriage and harness,	2 00
" barouche, two horses, & driver,	4 00
" barouche and harness,	1 50
" carryall, two horses, and driver,	3 50
" carryall and harness,	1 00
" buggy and horse,	2 00
" buggy and harness,	0 75
" horse, saddle and bridle,	1 25
" horse,	1 00
" horse and cart,	1 25
" Cart and gear,	0 25
" Horse and plough,	1 00
" plough and gear,	0 25

Wagon and dray, by contract.
The above charges are for an ordinary day's travel—longer or shorter distances, by contract.

GEO. HOWARD.

NO. CAROLINA MANUFACTURE.

BATTLE & SON.

ARE still manufacturing at the Rocky Mount Mills, about

300,000 lbs Cotton Yarn.
per annum, (equal to the best Georgia yarns.) which they will deliver to Merchants free of extra charge at New York prices. Orders addressed to Battle & Son, Rocky Mount, N. C., will receive prompt attention. Feb. 1852

S. R. Ford,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

DEALER in Marble Monuments; Head and Foot Stones; Paint Stones; Imposing and in short, any article called for of either Italian, Egyptian, or American Marble; and work warranted to please or no sale; and if damaged before delivery it is at his expense.

Orders left with Geo. Howard, Tarboro', will be attended to forthwith.

Cotton Wanted,

FOR which the highest market price will be paid. Apply to

W. H. Willard.

Washington, N. C. Jan. 3.

Molasses.

20 bbls French Island, very superior,
15 " Cuba.
20 " Sugar house,
12 bbls N. Orleans, for sale very low by
W. H. Willard.
Jan 3

NOTICE.

THE subscriber being well prepared to do

A FORWARDING

And Commission Business

IN THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON,

Respectfully solicits the patronage of the public in Tarboro', its vicinity, and Edgecombe co. generally. He has ample and safe room for the storage of Naval Stores, Grain, and other produce; his charges are moderate and quick dispatch invariably given to all business entrusted to his direction.

REFERENCES.

Macnair & Brother, Tarboro' N. C.
William Bernard, Greenville,
Eli Hoyt, Washington, N. C.
H. Brown & Brother, Washington, N. C.
B. J. Parmelee, Washington, N. C.
Hon. Judge Manly, Newbern, N. C.
J. A. Stanley, Wilmington, N. C.
Wm Bryce & Co., New York.
Bateman & Rudderow, do. Mallett & Paulmin, do.

L. J. LABARBE.

Washington, N. C., April 2

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THE subscriber keeps constantly on hand, a large variety of vehicles comprising

Buggies, Barouches, &c.

of every style and finish.

He also manufactures to order any description of vehicles, from an ox cart to a fine carriage, in a style not surpassed in this country, and at prices as low as can be afforded anywhere.

He also carries on a large harness manufactory—sets of harness from \$124 to \$50.

Vehicles of every description repaired at short notice and on reasonable terms.

The subscriber will attend the Courts of Edgecombe, and be prepared to make contracts as above, on favorable terms.

JAMES NELSON.

Greenville, Pitt Co. July 8.

Thomas L. Liddon, BRICKLAYER & PLASTERER,

INFORMS the citizens of Martin & the adjacent counties, that he has

Removed to Hamilton,

And is fully prepared to execute all jobs in his line of business, that may be entrusted to him. He has competent workmen in his employ, and can give satisfactory assurances, that all work entrusted to him will be executed expeditiously and in a workmanlike manner.

References.

Jos. Waldo, Hamilton,
Wm. Norfleet, Tarboro'.
Baker Station, Edgecombe Co.,
Goold Hoyt, Greenville.
Hamilton, April 3.

NEW BOOKS.

Swain's Justice,
Wiley's North Carolina Reader,
Southern Harmony & Musical Companion,
Baxter's Saints' Rest,
Cyclopedia of 6000 Practical Receipts,
Dictionary of Poetical quotations,
Arabian Night's Entertainments—
trated,
Dark Scenes in History, by James,
Viccar of Wakefield,
Bacchus—Prize Essay on Intemperance,
by Grindrod,
Memoirs of Wm. Wirt, by Kennedy,
Joseph H. Bowditch,
Tarboro' Feb. 6.

Salt.

2500 bushels St. Martin's Salt, extra
schlr Rough & Ready, for sale by
W. H. Willard,
Jan 2.

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300 bags, 15 lbs each, table Salt,
125 sacks Liverpool do for sale
W. H. Willard,
Jan 2.

NEW BOARDING HOUSE.

Mrs. E. A. FORD,

WOULD respectfully inform the public, that she has taken the House lately occupied by Mrs. Swann, a Boarding-House, and having it thoroughly repaired, and fitted with new and handsome furniture throughout, she will be enabled to accommodate a number of transient or permanent Boarders in the manner. The House is as pleasantly situated as any

In Wilmington,

and a number of her best rooms will be reserved for the accommodation of transient visitors. She can confidently bespeak the patronage of those desirous of obtaining a Boarding House of the first class, as she flatters herself that her arrangements cannot be surpassed for comfort and convenience, and no exertion will be spared calculated to add to the happiness and contentment of her guests.

The House is now open for the reception of permanent or day boarders. For terms, apply to Mrs. Ford, Nov. 7.

John H. Smith's

Renovating Ointment and HORSE RENOVATING POWDERS.

THE author of our existence

caused to grow up spontaneously throughout the world, such vegetable properties as will at once cure when properly applied, all curable diseases. The proprietor of these truly valuable medicines might as a volume with Certificates and testimonials in favor of his articles, but, considering such puffs wholly useless, since they are so readily manufactured, and made use of to such an extent to palm off some less trash upon the public, I shall therefore state at once, the various diseases that can be speedily cured by these Invaluable Horse Renovating Powders, viz:—Glanders, hidebound, and horse Distemper. It also carries off all gross humors and purifies the blood. It is also a safe and certain cure for the heaves; it will also cleanse, at once, the stomach and maw from bots, worms, &c. and again restore the stomach and bowels to healthy action.

Smith's Renovating Ointment Is an invaluable remedy for horses in the cure of the following diseases: Fresh wounds, Galls, of all kinds, Sprains, Bruises, Ringbones, Poll Evil, windgalls, Spavins, Swellings, Fistula, Strains, Lameness, Swelled Feet, Cracks, and Scratches.

The above articles are to be had in most of the Cities and principal Villages throughout the United States, and the Canada.

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Patent Medicines, &c.

Sassafras, Comstock's, and Graefenberg Sassafras,
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